

## **Education is Everyone's Business**

**Education is the way, the person - the purpose (A.D.Gordon)**

### **Why Education?**

Education is both a value and a cornerstone of personal and national wellbeing. It is a mandatory criterion for national and economic resilience. The educational system should be the main personal and national engine for growth and development.

The Israeli Education System is lagging behind. Despite existing potential, it is far from being fulfilled. Over the years there has been a strong urge to create change in the Education System, which led to many reforms, that were not fully implemented. This crisis enables and creates a sense of urgency and an opportunity for transformation and deeply rooted change. We have reached a point of no return, where we must make serious change in the education system as we know it, otherwise Israel will stay behind.

With this sense of urgency in mind, the Public National Board of Education Cabinet was established, enabling a wide-ranging coalition in education to be formed in Israel, for the first time. The Cabinet aspires to reach widespread agreement, by an appreciative inquiry approach, aimed at a whole system transformation created by listening and learning to all parts of the system, in a co-creative setting, building trust and creating a new language based on **learning**.

### **Who We are?**

**The Public National Board of Education Cabinet** that was initiated by B.G. (res.) Ram Shmueli former IAF pilot and commander and Avi Kaminski head of the municipal education department union, is a forum which merges the relevant stakeholders and organizations dealing with education. It also includes civil society organizations, industry, IDF and government. All of these have decided to collaborate as a coalition recognizing the need for reimagining the system and creating a strategic road map. This is an historic window of opportunity, providing a true platform for change.

### **Leading Change**

The Public National Board of Education Cabinet, aims to lead and create significant change in the education system in Israel by delineating the vision and road map of the future for a working learning system in Israel and create an ecosystem which is learner focused. Outlining the initial steps alongside medium- and long-term plans which won't be contingent on a particular Government, and will allow for recognizing the potential.

The Public National Board of Education Cabinet's plan will reimagine the role of those who teach, as leaders and mentors of values and training, develop learning skills, curiosity and a wide spectrum of lifetime learning, design the learning experience and teaching that supports

creative learning and expanding knowledge, develop an educational ecosystem, build a tailor-made toolbox for integration into the future workforce, and abilities to adapt to change and close the gaps and provide every learner in Israel with the opportunity to maximize their potential.

### **The Challenge**

How might we prepare today's generation and those that follow for optimal integration and to thrive in a world of continuous change keeping in mind the identity and values of the State of Israel?

### **The Vision**

The learner in the Israeli Learning System must have the capabilities and skills to integrate and thrive in life, the community, work and citizenship. Learning is a continual and interactive process that occurs in the classroom, at home and in the community. The Learning System needs to be a source of inspiration and develop the potential of each learner throughout their life.

### **The Next Steps**

- Formulate widespread agreement around new language and strategic road map, prior to formulation of a new Government in Israel
- Education 2030 - Strategic Road Map and Compass
- Education 2025 - Medium term Strategy embedded into legislation
- Short term Implementation 2020 - first steps

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**The Public National Board of Education Cabinet** has taken the national task and challenge of leading a strategic and very needed transformation in the educational and learning system in Israel by unifying efforts, forces, and knowledge in Israel and abroad.

We invite you to partake in this historic opportunity, to support the move and create change together, leading education and learning to the place they were meant to be.